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WATER CONSERVATION

Spring is here and Summer is right around the corner! Prepare for the farming, gardening, swimming, and countless other outdoor activities that have been hibernating throughout this year's long and icy winter by recognizing the importance of water conservation here in the front range. To begin, let's review the restrictions that are in effect every year between April 15th and October 15th:

No watering between 12 noon and 5 pm

Single family residences with even-numbered addresses water only on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Single family residences with odd-numbered addresses water only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Why is water conservation important? Most importantly, water conservation is an important tool for drought preparedness. At a household level, water conservation saves you money, the less water you use, the less money you spend; this can be used to help keep water costs low during periods of growth and expansion. Additionally, overusing water is just wasteful. The reasons above are why the State has encouraged Xeric Gardening practices, which are covered in this newsletter, as well as why the City of Evans has gathered a few tips to help you save money while helping the environment:

Overwatering wastes money and doesn't improve the health of your lawn

Set Sprinklers to water only the landscape; not sidewalks or driveways

Use a rain shut-off feature or skip a watering cycle after 1/2 inch of rain or more

When you do need to water:

If a screwdriver cannot be easily inserted 3-4 inches into the ground

When footprints or mower tracks are visible for 20 minutes or longer

Click the picture below to see the Northern Water Water Conservation and Management Plan

PUBLICART

The Weld County community health campaign -- Make TODAY Count! -- is sponsoring an Evans community mural project throughout this summer, and we need your help!

We are looking for community members to help come up with themes for the mural and to be involved with the painting—no experience necessary! If you are interested in being involved in this project, please contact:

Carlee Rosen

Make TODAY Count

Campaign Coordinator

970.346.2505

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XERIC GARDENING

Invented by Denver Water and a group of interested citizens, Xeric Gardening is a landscape design that maximizes water efficiency through seven key principals. The City of Evans not only endorses the design, but has implemented it at the Evans Community Complex. We have listed the key principals, but for more information visit the Denver Water Xeriscape website, [HERE](#).

Water Conservation

It is important to remember that water conservation **does not** mean dry-only landscaping. Xeric plans organize plants in ways to get the most out of the water you do use in zones for high, medium, and low water use areas.

Turf

Select a grass type that is appropriate for Colorado. Turf growers in Colorado have crafted new varieties that look and feel like Kentucky blue grass, but require substantially less water.

Plants

Nurseries use what are called “hardiness zones” to determine where plants will likely do well. Evans is designated with a hardiness zone of “5a.” This means plants in a higher number zone would not likely survive the winter in Evans.

Soil Amendments

The plants you select will play a role in which soil improvements you use to support them. Some plants like a sandy soil, others prefer soils with a rich mix of several elements. Ask your plant provider for guidance.

Mulch

Mulch placed around trees, shrubs, and flowers can help control weeds, reduce evaporation, and keep the soil cool. Mulch brings different textures and visual interest to the landscape. Mulch depth should be between 3 and 4 inches to be effective, but no deeper as you may provide a home to rodents or other unwanted pests.

Irrigation

A well designed irrigation system can include a hose, sprinkler setup, and inexpensive timers. A combination of these items will result in using just the right amount of water at the proper time, such as after the sun goes down to reduce water loss due to evaporation.

Maintenance

If you are not keen on yard work, it's worth noting that once established, a Xeric landscape generally requires less maintenance and it can even help you battle the weeds. Reduced maintenance and natural weed control are two more benefits of using the Xeric approach to landscape design.

EVANS RECREATION

Monday-Thursday 5:30am-9:00pm • Friday 5:30am-7:00pm • Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

Young at Heart...

Swimsuit Season is here! Get into the gym and turn that Cannon Ball into a Swan Dive!

If you need a little structure and challenge to your workout, check out our Silver Sneakers classes.

Classes are held:
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30-9:30 am

\$16 for 1/day per week, 6-week session
OR, \$3 drop-in fee per class.

Stay Cool at the Pool!

The Evans Municipal Pool is OPEN for your summertime enjoyment! Located at 3315 15th Avenue

Open Daily May 24—August 10.
Saturday and Sundays only August 10—August 31

1-5 pm (there must be a minimum of 10 patrons in the pool by 3 pm in order to stay open)

Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of fees and swimming lessons.

For the Children!

Get the kids on their feet and active! There are several opportunities for kids of all ages. Click [HERE](#) to search for open sections of any of the following classes.

Spartan Football Camp

Swim--Water Babies	Swim--Sea Otter
Swim--Guppy	Swim--Dolphin
Swim--Seahorse	Swim--Stingray
Swim--Tadpole	Swim--Piranha
Swim--Minnow	Swim--Shark

Beginning in July

Hot Shot Volleyball	Extreme Volleyball
Hot Shot Flag Football	Extreme Flag Football

Searching for an Instructor

We need a youth dance instructor! If you have any experience, apply for this part-time position, today! Follow the link below!

[Youth Dance Instructor](#)

Host Your Event Here!

Planning an event? Need a space to hold it? Check out our room and pavillion rentals!

[Click here to see our Room Rentals](#)
[Click here to see our Pavillion Rentals](#)
[Click here to see our Pool Rental](#)

NOW YOU KNOW WATER 101

There are several city processes that are complicated, but important. The City of Evans is creating a series of videos entitled “Now You Know” that will explain the different processes. The first group of videos explains our potable (drinking) water system. The first video will be made available soon, and will be put on the City of Evans website, Facebook, Twitter, and will be emailed through the newsletter contact list.

NOW HIRING

If you are looking for a job, there are several positions available, right here, with the City of Evans. The job openings accommodate a wide range of skill sets and experience levels. If you are interested in joining the team, click the button below to view our openings!

CITY FINANCE

To see the latest Sales Tax Update Newsletter,
[click here.](#)

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

[Click Here to Join the Competition!](#)

FARMERS MARKET

“Growing community; growing economic sustainability.”

Coming Summer 2014

Come enjoy live music, farm fresh foods, and array of artisan crafts!
We will be accepting vendor applications soon. Monitor the website for updates.

Tentatively Set:
July 3rd-October 30th, 2014
Thursdays 3:00 pm-6:00 pm
3700 Golden St.

Parking Lot of the new Riverside Library and Cultural Center
FarmersMarket@evanscolorado.gov



CITY COUNCIL

A Message from Mayor John Morris

It is an honor and a privilege to continue my service to the City of Evans as mayor. I value the experience I've had leading up to this position over the past decade; serving as Planning Commissioner, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Commission, City Council Ward I Member and Mayor Pro Tem.

As the city moves forward, many opportunities lay ahead. Our highest priorities over the next few years are continued recovery from the flood and full economic recovery from the most recent recession. While both of these pivotal events brought unique challenges to Evans, they also brought opportunities for our community to thrive in new ways.

Economic development for the city remains one of our focal points for future success. The City of Evans is known for lower tax rates, quality services, small town atmosphere and a lean and efficient government. In order to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy, enhanced economic development is vital to ensure we have a growing sales tax base to support the quality services we provide - now and long into the future.

Over the past 18 years my family and I have seen Evans grow from a small town to a city that plays a major role in a growing rural metropolitan area. As mayor, I plan to continue to grow and strengthen the relationships we have built with our partner communities and organizations; including RE6 Schools, High Plains Libraries, Weld County, the City of Greeley and our neighboring towns and cities in the region.

Evans will also continue to plan for, strengthen, and protect our cities infrastructure and financial stability. Reaching and maintaining fully funded enterprise funds (Water, Waste Water, and Storm Water utilities) will be one of the most significant projects we undertake. It is critical that these services be provided safely, efficiently and affordably to all residents. Achieving a sustainable and adequate funding mechanism for these services to support a high quality of life for years to come is our goal.

The challenges are many. I am confident that this team of residents, employees, volunteers and Council members who make up the City of Evans will meet these challenges head on, and successfully. I look forward to the coming years working with, and for, each of you and continuing to make Evans the greatest place to live, work and play.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

As summer begins, we receive several calls concerning fires in the Evans City Limits. Below are the regulations on burning. If you have any questions, please call the Evans Fire Protection District at **970-475-1118**.

Open burning is not allowed within the City of Evans and the Evans Protection District. This means no burning of trash, debris, weeds, or other landscaping and brush.

The Fire District may issue permits for certain types of agricultural, ditch burning and small recreational fires that are 3 feet or less in diameter. All fires larger than this, including bonfires are prohibited. Any open burning allowed by permit is further restricted by weather conditions, drought, elevated wildfire risk, time of day and air pollution considerations during certain times of the year. Any open burning allowed by permit must be constantly attended and a fire extinguisher or water hose readily available. Open burning must not produce offensive odors.

Site built or pre-manufactured barbeque grills and outdoor fireplaces are allowed without a permit. Site built outdoor fireplaces may require a building permit to construct. Portable outdoor fireplaces that can be purchased in home improvement or outdoor recreation stores are allowed without a permit as long as they are used in accordance with manufacturer instructions.

For more info regarding the International Fire Code section of our City Municipal Code, click **HERE**.

BOARD OPENINGS

We are looking for proud Evans residents to join the Evans team and apply for a position on one of our City Boards. The responsibilities and requirements vary by board. A full description is provided on the City website. If you are interested in being part of one of the following boards, click on it to follow a link with a full description and application.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Water and Sewer Board

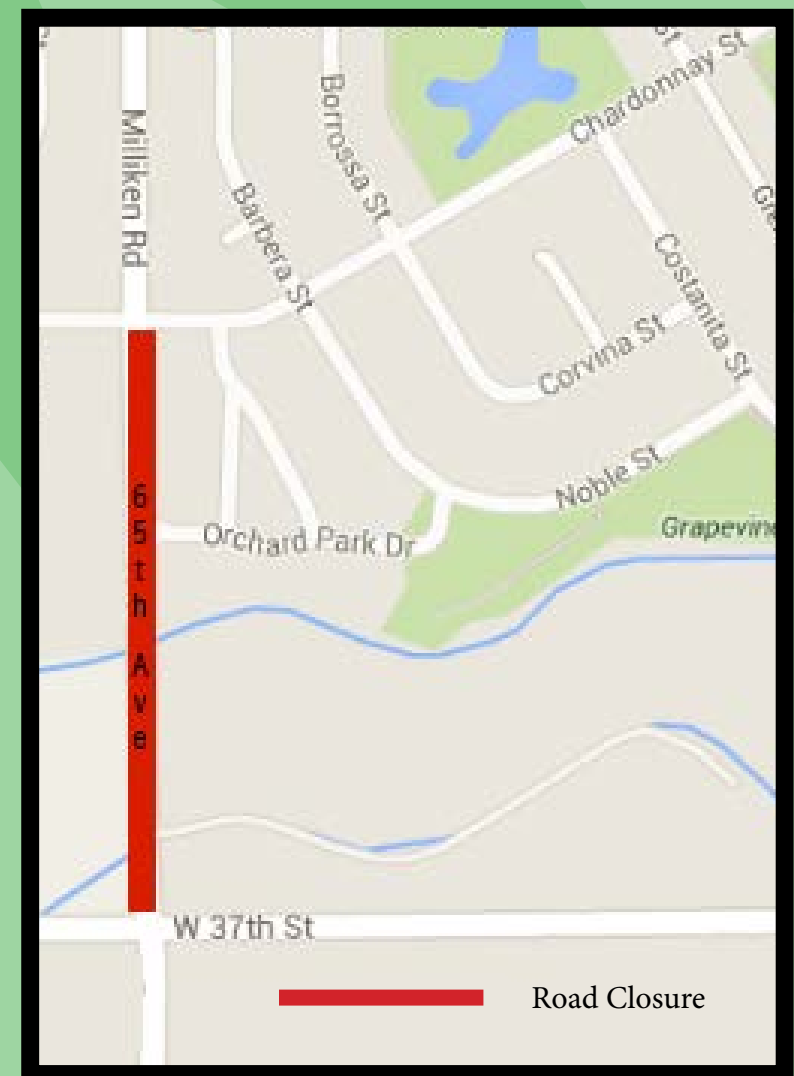
PLAYFUL CITY

In May, Evans was named a Playful City USA for the 6th time in a row. This award recognizes that the programs and infrastructure provided by the City promote healthy play. Evans was one of 6 cities in Colorado to be awarded, the other cities are Broomfield, Commerce City, Gypsum, Northglenn, and Thornton. We encourage kids at all stages of life to enjoy our many parks, from our one-of-a-kind handicap accessible Renaissance Park to Prairie View Skate Park and the City's off-leash Freedom Dog Park. Grab a friend, find a park, and get out and play!

PUBLIC WORKS

The following road closure will occur in June.

Due to construction on Prairie Heights Middle School:
Beginning June 11th
65th Ave between 37th St. and Grapevine



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Springtime Crime Prevention

As spring approaches, the Evans Police Department would like to give you a few warm weather reminders. Follow these tips to help keep your property safe during the upcoming months:

Keep your doors locked when you're not at home. Even if you're working in your backyard, keep your front door and garage door closed & locked.

Keep your car windows closed and your doors locked when you're not in your vehicle. Take any valuables out of your car, even when it is parked in your garage; don't leave your purse/wallet, iPod's, cell phone, etc.

During the warmer weather, if you open your windows or sliding glass doors, make sure you secure them before you leave the house or go to bed.

Porch lights are recommended at night. Install motion activated lights around your property, so if someone approaches your home, the lights will automatically come on and illuminate the person.

Clean up items that may be lying around the exterior of your house. Criminals can use things that you've left out (i.e. ladders & other tools) to access your home. Put all tools/items away and secure your shed with a lock.

Be aware of scams and illegitimate salesmen. Every solicitor doing business in the City of Evans is required to get a permit from the City prior to any door-to-door sales. They are required to present their permit to you for inspection upon request.

Likewise, if a "utility" representative comes to your house, you may request to see their identification. Bona fide utility workers will carry their identification cards with them.

The best advice is to be aware of your personal surroundings and that of your neighborhood. Being a watchful, attentive neighbor is one of the best crime prevention tools. Get to know your neighbors and if you see something out-of-the-ordinary bring it to someone's attention. Don't hesitate to contact police if you see anything suspicious.

To report non-emergency, suspicious activity you may contact the Police Dispatch Center at **970-356-1212** (choose option #4). Of course, don't hesitate to call 911 for emergencies or urgent in-progress situations.

Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods and businesses across the country in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2014.

National Night Out is designed to:

Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.

Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.

Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Registration is free, so register your neighborhood for this year's event today. You do NOT have to be a current Neighborhood Watch neighborhood to participate. National Night Out is for everyone! Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

Click the badge to go to the registration form.

FIRE DISTRICT

Tornado Safety Messages

Tornado weather is here and the safety of our residents is the City and District's most important concern; so, we have provided some information on what to do if you are caught in a Tornado.

At home, at school, or in the office? The safest place for you to be is in an underground shelter, safe room, or basement. If none of these are an option, take shelter in a small, windowless interior room on the lowest level of your building. If you live in a mobile home, go to the nearest sturdy building in your area.

On the road? Be sure to buckle up, then drive your vehicle to the nearest sturdy building and seek shelter. If flying debris occurs while driving, pull over, park, and stay in the car with your seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows and cover up with a thick jacket or blanket.

What happens afterwards? Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updates on the situation. If you were out of the house and your neighborhood was in the path of a tornado, wait to return home until after authorities tell you that it is safe to do so. Be cautious of downed power lines, gas leaks and sharp debris. Stay out of damaged buildings since they may collapse well after a storm has passed.

Tornado Preparedness Tips

In addition to the information above, there are precautions that you and your family can take to keep yourself prepared and safe from a tornado.

For more information from the Red Cross and to download the Tornado App, now: [CLICK HERE.](#)

Practice your plan. Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Be sure to include all family members when you practice your tornado drills. For more information about making a plan and building a kit, **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

Know the difference. A tornado watch indicates that a tornado may form in or near the area. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been spotted on weather radar and that there is an imminent danger to life and property; if one is issued in your area, go immediately to a safe room. To see a video explaining the difference, **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

Stay informed. During any storm, listen to the local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed. If you have the Tornado app, be sure to keep your phone nearby.

Board of Directors

On May 19th, the Evans Fire Protection District swore in their Board of Directors. All candidates were unopposed, allowing the District to elect by acclamation, saving \$8,000. To see a board member's biography, click on their name.

Mary Achziger	President	2 year term
David James	Vice-President	4 year term
Tricia Watson	Treasurer	4 year term
Steve Bernardo	Secretary	2 year term
Marty Schanwolf	Director	4 year term

CONTACT INFORMATION

CITY SCHEDULE

Evans

Emergency	911
After Hours Non-Emergency	(970) 356-1212
General Information	(970) 475-1170
Police Department	(970) 339-2441
Building Permits	(970) 475-1120
Building Inspections	(970) 475-2211
Community Development	(970) 475-1112
Engineering/Mapping	(970) 475-1113
Water and Sewer Billing	(970) 475-1170
Recreation Programs	(970) 475-1125
City Council	(970) 475-1104
City Managers Office	(970) 475-1108
City Clerk	(970) 475-1104
Code Enforcement	(970) 475-1115
Court	(970) 475-1170
Evans Cemetery	(970) 475-1104
Business Licenses	(970) 475-1109
Employment	(970) 475-1161
Senior Programs	(970) 475-1131
Pothole Hotline	(970) 475-2281
Fire Prevention/Reports	(970) 475-1118
Stormwater Hotline	(970) 475-2281

Other Agencies

Evans Area Chamber of Commerce	(970) 330-4204
Small Business Development Center	(970) 352-3661
Upstate Colorado	(970) 356-4565
Greeley/Evans School District	(970) 348-6000
Weld County	(970) 356-4000

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15th

All meetings held at
The City of Evans Community Complex
1100 37th Street Evans, Colorado
Call (970) 475-1170 for more information.
Find agendas, minutes and packets online at
by clicking the "City Schedule" Headline, above.

City Council Work Sessions

First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

City Council Meetings

First and Third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Planning Commission

Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Economic Development Advisory Council

Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

First Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Water and Sewer Board

Third Thursday at 3:30 pm

SBDC Small Business Counseling

Third Thursday of each month

Flood Recovery and Redevelopment Task Force

Second and Fourth Thursday of each month

Evans Fire District Board of Directors

Fourth Monday of each month

